

SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting
August 17, 2000
2:00PM
Room 433, Blatt Building

Members Present: Mr. Barnet, Dr. Everson, Dr. Gummerson, Representative Harrell, Mrs. Hoag, Mr. Martin, Senator Matthews, Mr. McTeer, Mr. Staton, Mrs. Thompson, Representative Townsend, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Tenenbaum

I. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Barnet welcomed members and guests to the meeting. He announced the resignations of Henry Spann and Stefan Wilson. He announced Representative Townsend's appointment of Dr. Barbara Everson as an educator representative. He also introduced State Superintendent Inez Tenenbaum who accepted the EOC's invitation to serve as a non-voting participant.

Mr. Barnet introduced Debbie Elmore, the Communications Specialist and Dr. Paul Horne, Director of Curriculum and Program Reviews.

Mr. Barnet appointed Dr. Everson to the EIA and Improvement Mechanisms and the Public Awareness Subcommittees. He asked Mrs. Thompson to serve as interim chairperson of the Parent Involvement Subcommittee.

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of July 27-28 were approved as distributed.

III. Election of Officers

Mr. Staton moved the reelection of Mr. Barnet as Chairman and Mrs. Berry as vice-chairman. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Academic Standards and Assessments: Mr. Wilson reported on the models under simulation for the absolute and improvement ratings and the work of task forces on alternate criteria for schools without PACT scores.
- B. EIA and Improvement Mechanisms: Mr. Staton recommended approval of the six categories for the EIA budget realignment process. The categories are acceptable to both the EOC and the State Department of Education. The motion carried.
Mr. Staton outlined the budget recommendation process for Fall 2000 and plans for the evaluation of Act 135 expenditures.
- C. Parent Involvement: Mrs. Thompson reported that the subcommittee did not meet in July.
- D. Public Awareness: Mrs. Thompson commented on the positive feed back she is receiving about the campaign.
- E. Staff and Administration: Mr. Barnet indicated the subcommittee did not have a report.

V. Report from a Key Constituency

Mr. Barnet introduced Mr. J. T. McLawhorn, President, Columbia Urban League. Mr. McLawhorn addressed the EOC about the report, The State of Black South Carolina, its purpose and the range of issues addressed. He introduced Dr. Tina Marshall-Bradley, author of the chapter on the miseducation of African-American students. Dr. Marshall-Bradley

detailed the study and the basis for the recommendations. She commended the entire text to the EOC, particularly those recommendations for change.

Members asked Mr. McLawhorn and Dr. Marshall-Bradley about the work and the potential for continuing deliberation and dialogue. Mr. McLawhorn recommended a continuing series of discussions. Dr. Marshall-Bradley and Dr. Anderson are to coordinate a schedule for dialogue.

VI. Discussion of a Contractual Matter

Mrs. Tenenbaum addressed the EOC about the structure of the PACT tests and the schedule for scoring student tests. The contract with Data Recognition Corporation was discussed in detail. Mrs. Tenenbaum, her staff and members of the EOC discussed options available to have the test scored earlier and scores made available to schools. DRC anticipates providing 2000 PACT data by October 2000 and 2001 PACT data by July 31, 2001.

Mrs. Tenenbaum introduced Barbara Teusink who gave a status report on the implementation of new student information software and the data warehouse project. The student information system should be functional in all districts within three years. The data warehouse standards should be adopted by October and the Department staff would begin loading data by December.

Dr. David Burnett reported to the EOC on the status of the trial run for the report card. He indicated that the activities are on schedule and the SDE does not anticipate any delay in the report card as long as test scores are received by the end of July 2001.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.